

Senate Resolution 1551

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Brown of the 26th, Fort of the 39th,
Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Transportation to provide equal access, equal opportunity,
2 and equal treatment of African Americans and other minority groups in consideration of state
3 awarded contracts; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus (GLBC) was established in 1973 to
5 protect the general welfare of Black people, other people of color, and disadvantaged citizens
6 of Georgia in matters of health and welfare, education, criminal justice, and employment; and

7 WHEREAS, part of the GLBC's mission is to advance the study of and implement solutions
8 to the problems of Black people and all people in the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, the GLBC develops remedies for growing social and economic problems that
10 affect Georgia's citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation spends 2 percent of its annual
12 contract dollars with African American businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the GLBC to encourage the Georgia Department of
14 Transportation through various means to enforce Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in the
15 administration and participation of Minority Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged
16 Business Enterprises in departmental programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation currently has an aspirational
18 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Subcontracting Goal of 12 percent; and

19 WHEREAS, in order to increase minority participation in state awarded contracts to the
20 maximum extent feasible, the department is urged to consider increasing its Disadvantaged
21 Business Enterprises Subcontracting Goal to 16 percent; and

22 WHEREAS, every effort should be made by the department to ensure nondiscrimination in
23 all of its programs and activities, regardless of whether these programs and activities are
24 federally funded; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation is encouraged to prepare an annual
26 report regarding these issues which should be submitted to the GLBC and made available for
27 public review.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to increase minority participation in state
30 awarded contracts and ensure equal treatment, access, and opportunity in the awarding of
31 state contracts.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Department of
34 Transportation.